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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 21, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts we express our gratitude. As the hope of a delayed spring lifts the spirits of all working at the Capitol, we ask Your blessing upon those in our world facing difficult and uncertain futures, most especially in Crimea and Venezuela, as well as other chronically suffering communities.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of this people's House, as they meet with their respective constituents, the gifts of wisdom and discernment, that in their words and actions they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution

515, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM CONSTITUENT CASEWORKER, THE HONORABLE MATT CARTWRIGHT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Christa Mecadon, Constituent Caseworker, the Honorable MATT CARTWRIGHT, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 13, 2014.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Luzerne, for testimony in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.  
Sincerely,

CHRISTA MECADON,  
*Constituent Caseworker.*

### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, March 20, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,*  
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On March 13, 2014, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider resolutions to authorize 14 prospectuses, including three leases, ten alteration projects, and one project design, included in the General Services Administration's FY2013 and FY2014 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs.

Our Committee continues to work to cut waste and the cost of federal property and leases. The lease resolutions approved by the Committee will save the taxpayer \$39 million over the terms of the leases. All alteration and design projects approved are within amounts appropriated in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 and three of the projects will consolidate agencies out of leased space and into federally owned space, avoiding \$6 million annually in lease payments. In addition, the Committee has included space utilization requirements in each of the lease resolutions to ensure agencies are held to appropriate utilization rates.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on March 13, 2014.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,  
*Chairman.*

Enclosures.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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